Remarks:

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 1-8 and presented new claim 9. Applicants have amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended the claims to bring them more in line with typical U.S. format and spelling. Additionally, Applicants have added new claim 9 to recite subject matter covered by exemplary language in claim 1. Furthermore, Applicants present an abstract of the disclosure herewith on a separate sheet.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Date: (0/21/05

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Franklin, Reg. No. 37,134

Attorney for Applicants

Venable LLP

575 Seventh Street, NW Washington, DC 20004

Telephone: 202-344-4936 Facsimile: 202-344-8300